



RE: Wallace Yard and Spur Lines Site - EPA Costs

Wurtzler, Gail to: Clifford Villa

Cc: GLHONEYM, RCBYLSMA, "Lawrence, Robert"

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Thanks, Cliff. I think that we are not communicating on question 2, so I will call you tomorrow to discuss.

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Gail: I researched the cost questions you posed below and here is what I learned:

1. The charge of \$482.58 for Bankcard A8BK1000061 related to costs associated with the public meeting on the Wallace Yard EE/CA, held in Wallace on November 1, 2007. The charge was incurred by EPA on Nov. 14, 2007, the date that EPA paid this credit card bill. The individual EPA person with knowledge of the exact nature of the credit card charge is out of the office until next week. However, the charge is in line with a similar charge of \$499 (A8BK000061) incurred on the same date. The \$499 charge was for publication of the public meeting announcement in the Spokesman-Review, leading us to believe the \$482 charge was for publication of the same announcement in another local newspaper.

2. The "other direct costs" include bankcard charges and contractor costs. The largest of these costs relate to Parametrix Inc. under Contract No. 68-S7-0304, for technical assistance to EPA in overseeing the EE/CA process. Additional costs relate to "ASRC Aerospace" and "GRB Environmental," which are the immediate past and present contractors responsible for maintaining Superfund records within EPA Region 10. "Other direct costs" also include costs for publication of newspaper announcements, as discussed above, a court reporter

for the public
meeting (A8BK0000105), a room at the Wallace Inn for
the public meeting
(A8BK000061), and a set of aerial photos
(A2BK0000182) in 2002.

3. EPA has no intent to attempt to recover costs
related to
participation of Natural Resource Trustees in the CD
negotiations or
other related activities. However, EPA retains the
right to seek
technical assistance from other agencies in order to
perform its duties
in overseeing work under the CD. Such costs, if any,
may appear in
future billing statements as incurred under
Interagency Agreement (IAG),
Cooperative Agreement, or other appropriate
mechanisms.

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Cliff,

I have some questions about the costs in the Itemized Cost Summary you provided to Bob Lawrence. Specifically,

1. What was the reason for the \$482.58 described as Bankcard, A8BK10000061?
2. What was the reason for each of the costs described as "Other Direct Costs" in each fiscal year? They all seem to have an IAG, SCA or Misc. No. but there is no explanation or identification of the item or service purchased.

Also, Union Pacific is concerned that it NOT be billed for any time or expenses related to the participation of the NR trustees in Consent Decree negotiations, remedial action design and the other activities at this site. Union Pacific fully resolved its liability for NRD in the Coeur d'Alene Basin Environment and, accordingly, should not be asked to bear any of the trustees' costs. I did not see any such costs in the Itemized Cost Summary, so we assume that EPA is in agreement with Union Pacific on this issue.

Regarding the BPRP costs, (b) (6)

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So, Sara is working with Nick to set a call after June 15.

I look forward to your response to my questions on the Itemized Cost Summary. Thank you.

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